

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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July 12, 2011







Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief Section of Administration Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms Brown:

SUBJECT: Proposed Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. - Abandonment Exemption in Muskegon County, MI - STB Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 16X)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of July 12, 2010. The DNR and Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. are continuing negotiations towards an agreement, and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Should you require further information, please contact Mr. Roger Storm, DNR Trailway Acquisition Specialist, at 517-335-3258; or DNR, P.O. Box 30445, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948; or you may contact me.

Sincerely.

James Radabaugh, State Trails Coordinator

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